--- 1/12th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 253 x 15 mm. ---

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/12th pound black 250 mm. strip as follows:

RP-645 - 1/12th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 253 x 15 mm. - 4½ mm. *red* controls

The control-free examples all measure 248 mm. in length, while the control-numbered strips are 253 mm. I feel that the production copies were produced by *rotary press*, while the *control-free* copies were printed by *hand press*.

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

As will happen in the “Series of 1915”, beginning with the 1/9th pound strip, there are two different lengths in the same denomination - 155 mm. and 250 mm. This may be due to the packaging requirements from certain manufacturers, or to the 1914 wartime restrictions. This difference was later bridged in the “Series of 1915” by producing the 10 inch ***long white end*** version of the 135 mm. strip.

--- Recess printed by <u>rotary press</u> in black ink - with *dark tablets* - 4½ mm. *red controls* ---

--- 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

--- RP-645 - *coarse roulette* - on *<u>horizontal</u> mesh* wove - 253 x 15 mm. - scanned at 65% scale ---

RP-645 - 1/12th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **593371**, on *horizontal* mesh wove, with an unreadable violet roller

593371★	RP-645	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, an unreadable violet roller cancellation
687196	RP-645	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, an unreadable violet roller cancellation

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--- Recess printed by <u>hand press</u> in black ink - with dark tablets - *without control numbering* ---

--- 23 mm. imprint "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA" **---**

--- RP-645n - *coarse roulette* - on *<u>vertical</u> mesh* wove - 248 x 15 mm. - scanned at 65% scale ---

The control-free examples all measure 248 mm. in length, while the control-numbered strips are 253 mm. I feel that the production copies were produced on *horizontal* mesh wove by *rotary press*, while the *control-free* copies were printed on *vertical* mesh wove by *hand press*.

RP-645n - 1/12th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering - 248 x 15 mm.

RP-645n - 1/12th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without controls - 248 x 15 mm.
Stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered** in violet ink

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of the *coarse roulette* 1/12th pound 248 mm. *control-free* strip on vertical mesh wove, stamped ***Sample*** in purple ink. **WANTED!**

--- From the ABN Archive Sale of 1990 ---

--- **RP-645 PP** - black, plate proofs mounted on thin cardboard - a pair - 248 x 15 mm. ---

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